

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL STATEMENT ON
STATUS OF FISHERIES AND INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) met jointly with the Groundfish Management Team to discuss inseason adjustments and offers the following consensus recommendations. Except as noted, the adjustments are to be made for the cumulative period beginning September 1, 2000.

Limited Entry Trawl

1. For minor slope rockfish in the south, increase the limit to 20,000 pounds per two-month cumulative period through the remainder of 2000.
2. For yellowtail rockfish using midwater trawl gear, maintain a 30,000 pound limit per two-month cumulative period through the remainder of 2000.
3. For yellowtail rockfish taken incidentally by vessels using small footrope gear while harvesting flatfish and arrowtooth flounder, maintain through the remainder of 2000 the regulations currently in effect, except the total amount of yellowtail per trip taken in association with arrowtooth flounder and/or other flatfish may not exceed 2,500 pounds. ***This change to go into effect beginning November 1, 2000.***
4. The limit for other flatfish taken using large footrope trawl gear will be increased to 1,000 pounds per trip. ***This change to go into effect beginning November 1, 2000.***
5. The cumulative limit for arrowtooth flounder will be increased to 20,000 pounds per trip. ***This change to go into effect beginning November 1, 2000.***
6. For the cumulative period beginning September 1, 2000, the cumulative limit for sablefish will be increased to 12,000 pounds. For the months of November and December, 2000 the monthly limit for sablefish will be increased to 6,000 pounds.
7. The limit on taking sablefish under 22 inches in length is repealed for the remainder of 2000.

Limited Entry Fixed Gear

1. The cumulative limit for nearshore minor rockfish in the north will be increased to 10,000 pounds per two-month cumulative period for the remainder of 2000, with no more than 4,000 pounds being species other than black or blue rockfish.
2. The cumulative limit for nearshore minor rockfish in the south will be increased to 6,000 pounds per two-month cumulative period for the remainder of 2000.
3. The cumulative limit for minor slope rockfish in the south will be increased to 20,000 pounds per two-month cumulative period for the remainder of 2000.
4. For the daily-trip-limit fishery north of 36°, vessels may take 400 pounds per day, with a cumulative limit of 8,000 pounds per two-month period; or 1,000 pounds per week with a cumulative limit of 8,000 pounds per two-month period. Vessels may not apply both the daily and weekly limits within the same week.
5. For the remainder of 2000, the prohibition on taking sablefish less than 22 inches in length is repealed.

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1. The limit for minor slope rockfish in the south will be increased to 3,000 pounds per two-month period for the remainder of 2000.
2. The limit for minor nearshore rockfish in the south will be increased to 4,000 pounds per two month period for the remainder of 2000.
3. The limit for minor near shore rockfish in the north will be increased to 6,000 pounds per two-month period for the remainder of 2000, with no more than 2,000 pounds being species other than black or blue rockfish.
4. Vessels operating in the daily-trip-limit sablefish fishery north of 36° may take 300 pounds of sablefish per day or 1,200 pounds of sablefish per week with no cumulative limit for the remainder of 2000. Vessels may not apply both the daily and weekly limits within the same week.